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October 1956

Dordt Enrollment Increases

3rd Annual Reformation Day Mass Meeting

To Be Held Wednesday, Oct. 31

SIoux CENTER PUBLIC HIGH
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The Third Annual Reformation Day Mass Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 31, in the large auditorium of the Sioux Center High School. In view of the large crowds attending these Mass Meetings in the past, it was deemed prudent to obtain the slightly larger auditorium at Sioux Center for this occasion.

We were very fortunate to obtain the services of Rev. R. B. Kuiper of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a man with an enviable reputation as orator and lecturer. Rev. Kuiper served several of our large churches of Grand Rapids. He received and accepted an appointment to the Westminster Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. And he also was president of Calvin College and Calvin Seminary.

The program will be varied with the audience singing several Dutch Psalms and Reformation Day Hymns. The Dordt College Choir will also be on the program. A special offering will be received for Dordt College. Watch your bulletins for special announcements relative to this program later on.

Let us plan to be there! The occasion is very important and therefore urgent. In these days of liberalism, rationalism, and inter-denominationalism it is of utmost importance for us who adhere to orthodox Christianity to hold high the banners of the antithesis, so gloriously unfurled by the leaders of the Reformation. Let us determine to fill this auditorium at Sioux Center to capacity!

C.V.S.

Synod

The Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, held during the month of June, again decided to recommend Dordt College for one or more offerings to all the churches of our denomination.



Rev. R. B. Kuiper
Speaker for Reformation Day
Mass Meeting.

Junior College Work-Shop Meeting

Representatives from twenty-three member colleges of the Iowa Junior College Association met at Iowa City for a work-shop conference June 11-15. The theme of the work-shop was "The Expanding Role of the Junior College in Iowa Education." Dordt College was invited to send a representative to this conference.

During the work-shop, one day was set aside for representatives of both junior and senior colleges. The subject of this meeting concerned teacher education and certification. This meeting was planned by the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Iowa. Emphasis was placed on higher standards for beginning teachers.

It was my privilege to attend these meetings and to fellowship with representatives from other Iowa
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72 Students Enroll

The 1956-1957 Dordt College enrollment doubles the enrollment of the first year. The enrollment breaks down as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
Freshmen	24	29	53
Sophomores	11	8	19
Total	35	37	72

Interesting to note is the fact that the ratio of men students has increased considerably over our first year. It is also interesting to observe that our students come from the following areas:

California	- - - -	4
Minnesota	- - - -	17
New Mexico	- - - -	1
South Dakota	- - - -	4
Iowa	- - - -	43
Wisconsin	- - - -	3

Following is a list of all the students and the home town of each:

Freshmen

- Bernard Alons, Orange City, Iowa
Gracelda Baas, Pease, Minnesota
Mardelle Bakker, Steamboat Rock, Iowa
Ernest Benally, Crownpoint, New Mexico
Gilbert Blankespoor, Boyden, Iowa
Thelma Bootsma, Sanborn, Iowa
Andrew Brummel, Rock Valley, Ia.
Harold Bruxvoort, Orange City, Ia.
John Buteyn, Sanborn, Iowa
Estella Dahm, Pella, Iowa
Charles De Boer, Sibley, Iowa
Jeanette De Jong, Ireton, Iowa
Roger De Stigter, Sioux Center, Ia.
Preston Droog, Pollock, S. Dak.
Diane Duistermars, Sioux Center, Ia.
Richard Dykstra, Hartley, Iowa
Albert Eekhoff, Britt, Iowa
Wanda Faber, Hull, Iowa
Marilyn Geels, Ireton, Iowa
Helen Gesink, Sioux Center, Iowa
Evelyn Graves, Dike, Iowa
Wilson Haarsma, Orange City, Iowa
Alma Hannink, Modesto, Calif.
Donna Hengeveld, Hills, Minn.
Jean Hillenga, Wesley, Iowa
Twyla Holtrop, Hawarden, Iowa
Nellie Huisman, Minneapolis, Minn.
Marilyn Jansen, Sully, Iowa
Theresa Jouvstra, Tyler, Minn.
Hermina Kempema, Hull, Iowa
Anjean Klein, Modesto, Calif.
Connie Ledeboer, Raymond, Minn.
John Link, Renville, Minn.

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Editorial

Rev. H. Minnema, Pastor of the Christian Reformed Church of Worthington, Minn., gave the convocation address at Dordt College this year. We asked him to give us a brief resume of his address, which might serve as an Editorial for this issue of The Voice. We thank Rev. Minnema very much for his kindness.

Dordt

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Faculty, Students, Friends:

As your chairman has said I have chosen to speak on the word "Dordt" and specifically the Calvinism which that synod upheld.

That Calvinism demands that higher education, too, must have a goal in view in the teaching of every subject. It is vehemently opposed to purposeless education, to education not permeated by Christian theology.

Mrs. Martha Beck was gaining too much weight. Fearing that she might become unattractive, on August 31, 1949, she undertook a vigorous schedule of calisthenics, calculated to reduce her balloon like figure to proper size and shape.

The queer thing about it, however, was that she did not live in a Park Avenue penthouse. Her home for the rest of her life, which was destined to be very short, was in Sing Sing prison death house where she resided for the murder of Mrs. Janet Fay. Even to the end, though doom was just ahead, she continued to primp; tomorrow she would die, but her whole concern was her fat, flabby, unattractive appearance.

This is a parable of American secular education. Busy with all sorts of exercises and investigations of the world about us and the relationships that these things bear to each other and to us, it completely fails to take account of the fact that it lives on death's row, and it is tragically unaware of the fact that all of its concern and labor are wasted unless it comes face to face with the ultimate fact of impending doom.

Let me change the figure. God's universe is a two story house. Everybody now lives on the first floor. Heaven is on the second floor. But the secularists will not even admit that it is there. According to them it may or it may not be, and they act as if the universe were a one storied structure. God does not exist. For this reason the Bible is attacked or ignored. Furthermore, and this is the horrible thought to them, this house also has a basement! Finally every person moves up or down, for the first floor has only temporary significance. How strange to ignore the ultimate and permanent and

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spend all one's time investigating, arranging, and applying the temporary residence of the race. Shades of Martha Beck!

Calvinism with its basic commitment that man was created to glorify a Sovereign God asserts that Christian theology is the very essence of existence. Education worthy of the name must be permeated by Christian theology in the Calvinistic sense.

Right here is a great danger, however. We may not substitute devotion to the Lord for education itself. Piety is no substitute for learning. Of course the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge. But that does not mean that if students were only God-fearing it does not matter how many blunders they make or how many words they misspell. The truth of the matter is that Calvinism calls the whole man to be consecrated to the one only true God. The more you fear God the more diligent you will be in your studies.

But now to pick up the main thread of thought once more—education must be permeated by Christian theology. What sets Calvinistic education apart from all others? Is it because school is opened with prayer, hymns are sung, Bible courses are taught, and the professors do not swear at the students? If this is all, it is not worth a continental. Some may even say that Dordt is like any other college. Look at the catalogue. The subjects taught are the same as any other college. Bible is added, the students sing and pray and don't swear. They are more alike than different.

What sets a Calvinistic education apart from all others?

Why are you here? What is your purpose? The Calvinist replies, "To glorify God," while the secularist replies, "To glorify humanity or myself." In the one case the conscriptor is humanity. In the other case it is God. A Calvinistic College is directly opposite to any state operated college. Its foundation is determined by the Biblical doctrine of the Infallible Bible, the Absolute Sovereignty of God, the Creation of Man in God's Image. Its goal is to train the student so he will glorify God the better. For God is the conscriptor.

At Dordt a conscious attempt is made to increase the student's knowledge. By increasing his knowledge of creation and redemption the

Christian student sees God's greatness more clearly and so glorifies Him more. The glory of God increases directly with the development of the mind. What actually is the glory of anything?

The glory of a person or thing consists in the possession of those qualities which call out the good opinion of the observer.

Students, you must have a good opinion of God. He remains the same, and His revelation remains the same. But there is a variable; that is your knowledge of Him. The greater the knowledge, the better the opinion and thus the greater the glory rendered to Him.

I like to conceive of Dordt College as a wheel, the hub of which is God; the spokes are the various subjects, and the rim is the corridor along which you walk going down the spokes, learning new things about Him who reveals Himself in Nature and the Scriptures. In this way as your knowledge increases, you will get a better opinion of the Triune God and thus glorify Him the more.

May Dordt mean this to you. If it does not, then there is just one other possibility. Your studies will be a means to glorify yourself, and this will happen.

You and a person you once knew will go up to the church to pray. You having become educated and prosperous while remaining outwardly religious will say: "Lord, I thank Thee that I am not like this other poor fellow. My education enabled me to make money. My money built this church. From the tenth of my income I pay for the missions. Lord, I thank Thee."

The other fellow hearing this over-righteous and over-wise prayer, not daring to look up will cast His eyes down, smite his breast and say,

"Lord, have mercy on me, for I was this man's teacher."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Class meetings were held recently to elect class officers and student council members. Officers elected were:

Freshmen

President—Warren Marra
Vice-Pres.—Roger De Stigter
Secretary—Diane Duistermars
Treasurer—Darlene Schaaf
Gen. Adjunct—Allen Vis

Sophomores

President—Albertus De Vries
Vice-Pres.—Harold Mulder
Sec.-Treas.—Elizabeth Van Tol
Gen. Adjunct—Herman Nibbelink
Student council members are Roger De Stigter, Gertrude Swier, Ernest Benally, and John Link from the Freshman class and Harold Mulder, Connie Gesink and Barbara Wassenaar from the Sophomore class.
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Report On Denominational Offerings

The Synod of 1956 decided again to recommend Dordt College to all our churches for one or more offerings. No doubt, many of our supporters are eager to know how much support we have received by way of such offerings. The list below is a record of offerings from the various churches of our denomination beginning January of this year. One can see from this record that several churches outside our own area have already responded in a very appreciable way to the recommendation of the Synod of 1955.

Offerings of this kind will continue to come in during the remaining months of this year. We have not recorded the offerings which have been received from our own immediate area. While we deeply appreciate the fine offerings sent to us from outlying districts, the Board of Dordt College reports that more will have to come in if the denominational offerings are going to approach the needed sum which a cut-back on quotas to Calvin College would have guaranteed. We sincerely hope that many more congregations will comply with Synod's recommendation this year and next and in this way strengthen our common efforts to establish Christian higher education at its best.

From January 1956 to Sept. 1956

Classis Alberta:	
Telkus	\$ 23.29
Classis Cadillac:	
Ellsworth	50.00
Classis California:	
Modesto	39.32
Artesia Trinity	70.58
Escalon	16.30
Ripon Imanuel	95.72
Classis Chatham:	
Ingersall, Ont.	18.78
Classis Chicago North:	
Englewood II.	115.02
Morrison	21.66
Warren Park	81.10
Classis Chicago South:	
De Motte	201.03
Momence	14.14
Highland I.	77.35
Roseland III.	105.18
Evergreen Park I.	95.50
Lansing I.	105.76
Classis Eastern Ontario:	
Holland Marsh	28.27
Classis Grand Rapids East:	
Boston Square	158.89
Calvin	134.01
Calvin	146.83
Fuller Avenue	153.07
Eastern Avenue	112.85
Grand Rapids I.	158.86
Imlay City	40.27
Neland Avenue	84.79
Seymour	140.76

Ostfriesland Joins Dordt College Society

Classis Grand Rapids South:

Alger Park	\$ 66.89
Beverly	28.53
Burton Heights	383.63
Franklin Street	74.64
Hope	144.00
Immanuel	75.00
Kelloggsville	125.90
La Grave Avenue	212.55
Lee Street	327.49
Wyoming Park	104.76

Classis Grand Rapids West:

Broadway Avenue	67.76
Grant	98.41
Highland Hills	75.91
Plainfield	25.48

Classis Holland:

East Saugatuck	82.80
Harderwyk	52.37
Maple Avenue	52.90
Norrdeloos	31.03
Park Avenue	29.30
South Olive	39.72

Classis Hudson:

Goshen, N. Y.	36.98
Whitensville, Mass.	87.73

Classis Kalamazoo:

Goshen, Ind.	23.34
Kalamazoo III.	26.25
Westward	44.80

Classis Muskegon:

Ferrysburg	29.27
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Classis Oshtersland:

Kanawha	57.47
Kanawha	27.23
Lincoln Center	87.00
Wellsburg II.	72.28

Classis Pacific

Conrad	23.60
Grangeville	34.19
Lyndon III.	138.10
Sunnyside	101.50

Classis Pella:

Denver II.	132.88
Leighton	45.49
Newton	75.61
Oskaloosa I.	59.76
Oskaloosa Bethel	27.48
Otley	46.72
Pella I.	227.51
Pella II.	206.64
Pella Calvary	26.63
Peoria	68.15
Sully	127.58

Classis Rock Mountain:

Luctor, Kansas	38.72
Rehoboth	50.00
Tucson	15.32

Classis Wisconsin:

Baldwin	79.31
Oostburg	79.79
Randolph I.	98.75
Sheboygan	109.84
Waupun	100.60

Classis Zeeland:

Drenthe	81.05
Overisel	75.00
Zeeland Bethel	55.91
Zeeland North Street	86.21
Rusk, Mich.	55.07

Rev. Paul Holtrop and Mr. Albert Cooper Represent New District On Executive Board

At a meeting held in Iowa Falls Christian Reformed Church, August 7, 1956, District 7 of the Dordt College Society was formed. Rev. Raymond Graves, local minister, presided at the meeting which was fairly represented by men from several of the Ostfriesland churches. Rev. B. J. Haan briefly outlined the procedure required by the Dordt College constitution for the formation of a new district and led in a lively discussion of problems associated with membership in the society.

Election of members to the Central Board took place after a unanimous decision to become a new district in the Dordt College Society was given. From the eight men elected to the Central Board, the Executive Board of the College chose the Rev. P. Holtrop and Mr. Albert Cooper to represent the new district at its meetings held monthly.

Ostfriesland has early taken an active interest in the Dordt College movement and has at present eight students enrolled in the school. The Dordt Society is very happy to receive this group into their family officially and prayerfully hopes that the Ostfriesland people may profit richly in the years to come from this alliance together with the other districts. —B. J. Haan

CAMPUS NEWS

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The campus has been further adorned by the addition of several attractive benches manufactured by Kusters Mfg. Company. These benches have been placed under the trees at the north end of the building.

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A hi-fidelity record player, an opaque projector, and a tape recorder have been purchased for the audio-visual department.

Herman Nibbelink

The Voice is published by the Executive Board of Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa.

Dordt College was established by a society of Christian Reformed people for the purpose of promoting higher Christian Education in the midwest.

The College offers three courses: Pre-Seminary, Teacher Training, and General College. The catalogue can be obtained upon request. Address all correspondence to: Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa.

Sioux Falls Group Initiates Unique Response to Dormitory Needs

A group of men and women of the Christian School Guild of Sioux Falls traveled to Sioux Center Friday evening, September 21, to make a tour of the college building and of the dormitory.

Dordt College appreciates very much the interest shown by these people, and hopes that more groups will follow their example.

As an expression of thoughtfulness and good-will, the Guild brought along a considerable amount of home-canned goods for use at the dormitory.

We would like to take this means of saying "Thank You" to this energetic society for their generosity and for their sincere interest in the college. We pray that the school may continue to have its support and be worthy of it.

At present a plan is being considered to carry out this gesture of the Sioux Falls Guild on a larger scale. If every family in the general environment of Dordt College would donate one quart of home-canned fruit or vegetable, a substantial amount of food would be received. This would help to maintain the reduced cost of room and board, as now obtains at the dormitory.

To make the plan effective, it would be nice if the Ladies' Aid of each local church would assume responsibility for it. Letters to this effect have been sent to all the Ladies' organizations of churches within a radius of fifty miles. Favorable responses are already coming in. It seems to us that the plan is being received with much enthusiasm. Other organizations at greater distances are also welcome to participate, if they desire to do so.

We have suggested to all societies to set the last week of October for this drive. If any society faces a problem in bringing the canned goods to the dormitory, inform the undersigned and necessary arrangements will be made.

C.V.S.

UNSOLICITED GIFTS

Annonymous, Lincoln Center Church	\$ 5.00
Mrs. George De Ruyter	5.00
Ray Hoksbergen	50.00
Syd Youngsma	15.00
J. C. Lobbes	21.00
Annonymous, Grand Rapids	5.00
Rev. Marlink, Ackley	5.00
Mrs. Lewie Lewerkie, Pipestone	5.00
Mrs. Sam Hansbergen, Orange City	4.50
Cornelius Runia, Melvin	250.00
L. Zuiderhof, Sheldon	500.00
Annonymous, Parkersburg	10.27
Vander Ploeg Furniture, Sioux Center	290.00

Financial Report

August 18—September 15

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:	
Societies	\$ 35.00
Individual Donations	514.50
Denominational Offerings	170.39
Member	4.00
Tuition	5343.90

Total receipts	\$6067.79
Balance on hand	2881.34
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	\$8949.13

Disbursements:	
Teacher's Salary & Employ.	\$2086.36
Utilities	32.34
Telephone	8.83
Office Supplies	193.08
Instructional Supplies	12.02
Janitor Supplies	190.38
Freight and Postage	44.11
Adv. & Printing	76.00
Mileage	25.00
Library Fund	500.00
Voice wrapping	8.00
Student-Music Dept.	35.00
Study Com. on Higher Educ.	3.70
Correspondence Courses	120.00

Total disbursements	\$3334.82
Balance on hand	5614.31
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	\$8949.13

BUILDING FUND

Receipts:	
Classis	
Sioux Center	\$3017.25
Orange City	7.00
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Total receipts	\$3024.25
Balance on hand	5312.59
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	\$8336.84

Disbursements:	
None	
Balance on hand	\$8336.84
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	\$8336.84

DORM FUND

Receipts:	
Loans	\$1000.00
Foundation Day Drive	871.50
Board and Room	721.00

Total receipts	\$2592.50
Balance on hand	3670.50
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	\$6263.00

Disbursements:	
House Furnishing	\$ 357.96
Utilities	18.47
Maintenance	1022.70
Insurance	56.85
Check Imprinted	4.50

Total disbursements	\$1460.48
Balance on hand	4802.52
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	\$6263.00

DORDT COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

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Warren Marra, Hull, Iowa
 Carlyle Pheifer, Platte, So. Dak.
 Christine Posthuma, Modesto, Calif.
 Cornelius Rylaarsdam, Chandler, Minnesota
 Harvey Sankey, Chandler, Minn.
 Darlene Schaaf, Oostburg, Wis.
 Arlene Schaap, Aplington, Iowa
 Earnest Swier, Colton, So. Dak.
 Gertrude Swier, Ripon, Calif.
 LeRoy Talsma, Chandler, Minn.
 Darlene Ulferts, Blomkest, Minn.
 Eldon Vander Berg, Sioux Center, Iowa
 Abel Van Der Woude, Edgerton, Minnesota
 Christina Vande Voort, Hayward, Minnesota
 Cynthia Van Drunen, Worthington, Minnesota
 Gene Van Stedum, Vesper, Wis.
 Allen Vis, Chandler, Minn.
 Gladys Vos, Newton, Iowa
 Fred Walhof, Edgerton, Minn.
 Sylvia Weg, Reading, Minn.

Sophomores

Arnold Davelaar, Sioux Center, Ia.
 Gerald De Stigter, Sioux Center, Ia.
 Albertus De Vries, Edgerton, Minn.
 Bernice Geurkink, Baldwin, Wis.
 Constance Gesink, Sheldon, Iowa
 Gertrude Haan, Sioux Center, Iowa
 Gary Hofland, Sanborn, Iowa
 Sebert Kooima, Rock Valley, Iowa
 Arlin Meyer, Volga, So. Dak.
 Harold Mulder, Sioux Center, Iowa
 Herman Nibbelink, Orange City, Ia.
 Donna Rietema, Kanawha, Iowa
 Herman Van Donge, Sioux Center, Iowa
 Dolores Van Otterloo, Rock Valley, Iowa
 Elizabeth Van Tol, Doon, Iowa
 Milton Vander Berg, Sioux Center, Iowa
 Helen Vander Lugt, Hawarden, Iowa
 John Wissink, Boyden, Iowa
 Barbara Wassenaar, Sioux Center, Iowa

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JUNIOR COLLEGE WORK-SHOP MEETING

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colleges. We were cordially welcomed and invited to take part in the discussions. Great interest was manifested in the program of studies offered by Dordt College. All were favorably impressed and intimated that the Dordt College program was excellent for a beginning college. They were also favorably impressed with the professional caliber of the Dordt College Faculty and with the new college building. They extended to the "Newest" College of Iowa their sincerest wishes for a successful future among the Junior Colleges of Iowa.

George Pals